

Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 14 February 10

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 14 February 2010.

Dispute Resolution: Prepared for the purposes of DRP and Legal Proceedings

MUDFA Rev 8 mediation has been put reactivated by Infracore despite the work underway to complete a revised programme. Provisional dates have been agreed for the mediation on 16 & 17 March 2010.

The two DRP referrals from 15 January (Baird Drive & Balgreen Road Retaining Walls) have progressed to a CEO meeting on 12 February 2010.

Balgreen Road was agreed (BSC reduced their Estimate by 168% from original submission compared to the finalised agreed value). Baird Drive is still in dispute (although BSC's Estimate has reduced by 67% from their original submission to date) and is expected to go to adjudication w/c 15 February 2010.

Two additional items are now in DRP, Section 7 drainage (referred by **tie** on 10 February) and Depot Access Bridge (referred by BSC on 12 February 2010). Both items relate to costs associated with design changes.

Strategic Options Analysis

Work continues in line with the timetable agreed with TPB and CEC.

Principals Communication

These lines of communication remain open. A formal senior review meeting has been arranged for 2 March 2010 in Edinburgh.

Media Communication

Mandy Haeburn-Little is providing the focal point for Tram related communication and has implemented a "look-ahead" on key issues and stories which will be circulated each Friday. The main focus included:

- Low key coverage of snagging follow up work on Princes Street.
- Coverage of TRO related commentary and pro active statements from Gordon Mackenzie regarding the public deposit of the TRO for Edinburgh Trams.
- General Scottish Government Budget coverage with some reference to Tram expenditure.
- Coverage of former LB Chairman comment.

Liaison with Key Stakeholder Groups

These included:

- Tram Project Board held on 10 February which discussed progress on the current strategic choices being considered with CEC officers, councillors and non exec Board directors.
- TEL Board held on 10 February.
- Continued liaison with business and retail stakeholders led by Mandy Haeburn-Little to manage issues with On Street tramworks commencement.
- Updated discussions on strategic options with CEC, Council political leaders and Transport Scotland.
- Weekly reports to CEC TMO

On Street Works

Snagging and close out works on Princes Street have commenced as agreed under local traffic management arrangements where necessary.

On Non Infraco sites, utilities diversions in the Forth Ports estate continue as planned with Farrans and at Haymarket, York Place/Broughton Street and Lindsay Road with Clancy Docwra. Major traffic switch planned for w/e 20/21 February at Palmerston Place: this is on target provided gas leak detected on Friday 12 February is resolved.

Off Street Works

Depot internal construction continues as planned, together with further drainage works.

On the Guided Busway track-laying and concreting continue.

Work has continued on Edinburgh Park Viaduct, A8 Underpass, and Gogarburn to the Airport. Works progressed at Carrick Knowe Bridge, Murrayfield Wanderers and Russell Road Retaining Wall 4.

Despite instruction to commence on Baird Drive and Balgreen Road retaining walls, plans have still to be submitted by BSC.

Works have re-commenced at Haymarket Viaduct (albeit slowly) and site clearance was completed from Haymarket to Roseburn Junction. BSC have still to mobilise their earthworks and drainage contractor in this section.

On non Infraco sites, the utilities work at the Airport has been completed and Burnside Road Bridge is being handed over to Edinburgh Airport Ltd in February 2010.

Reporting and Governance

Reporting has been reviewed with the TMO and weekly reports will continue going forward, supplemented by weekly reports to Council Officers from the **tie** CEO and the revised FCL meetings.

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